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enough support to the new paper. LOUISE, according to the informant, promised [redacted] that donations to the paper and a drive for subscribers would be made among various IWO groups. (X)(u)

On March 22, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] learned that ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, first vice chairman, District 8, Communist Party, requested the subject to aid in the defense of [redacted] who is coming to trial on the deportation proceedings of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. [redacted] at one time was reported very active among Communists and leader of the famous Republic Steel strike on Memorial Day, 1937, when several persons were killed. According to the informant, a committee which will be known as the Weber Defense Committee has been organized and WAGENKNECHT has requested that subject assist the committee in protesting the deportation proceedings through her various International Workers Order contacts. (X)(u)

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On March 28, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] learned that [redacted] had requested the subject to assist him in a convention of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, a reported Communist dominated organization, the convention to be held in Chicago April 6 and 7, 1946, at the DuSable High School. According to informant, the South Side Section Council of the Communist Party was attempting to secure housing for delegates to the convention and were also printing a souvenir program from which they hoped to realize considerable finances. LOUISE, according to the informant, put out a number of calls to IWO members to house the visiting delegates but received no replies. (X)(u)

On April 9, 1946, [redacted] of the newly organized United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, requested subject's assistance in finding office space for his organization, the headquarters of which was to be located in Chicago. Informant also learned that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON recommended [redacted] as a [redacted] to work in the office of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America for [redacted] (X)(u)

ACTIVITIES WITH DU SABLE LODGE NO. 75L, IWO

The January, 1946, issue of the "Fraternal Outlook," official IWO publication, on page 12 published an article captioned "DuSable IWO Honors Atom Bomb Scientist." The article went on to state that a dinner was held at 3831 South Michigan on October 26, 1945, at which JASPER B. JEFFRIES, a member of the DuSable Lodge, who worked as a physicist on the atom bomb at the University of Chicago, was present. JEFFRIES was the guest of honor at this dinner. A group photograph appears on the same page as the article and this photograph shows the subject seated at the banquet table with several other well known reported Communists including subject's husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, vice chairman, District 8, Communist Party.

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This article is being retained for future evidentiary purposes.

On March 7, 1946, Confidential Informant [] learned that subject had received \$75 from the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order to finance her trip to New York City. According to informant, subject remained in New York City on IWO official business until March 21. (S)(u)

On April 26, 1946, Confidential Informant [] membership drive meeting of DuSable Lodge No. 751, 5120 South Park Avenue. According to the informant, subject stated that the lodge was now in its final lap for 1,000 new members and on April 26 they were only 300 short of that goal. It was announced that leaflets advertising the DuSable Lodge were passed out at the conclusion of an American Youth for Democracy banquet celebrating [] official of American Youth for Democracy, who had just returned from a trip to Europe and the Soviet Union. (S)(u)

On May 7, 1946, Confidential Informant [] DuSable IWO banquet held at the Y.W.C.A. at 3763 South Wabash, the purpose of the banquet being to welcome PAUL ROBESON as a No. 1 member of DuSable No. 751 Lodge. A photograph appeared in the "Chicago Defender," Negro weekly newspaper, showing the subject pinning the IWO button of PAUL ROBESON's lapel. Also, according to an article in the "Chicago Defender," a number of well known reported Communists attended this banquet.

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AMONG CHICAGO NEGROES

On October 19, 1945, Confidential Informant [] learned that [] of the Abraham Lincoln School, reported Communist front organization, planned a class to start November 5, 1945. The name of the class, according to the informant, was "The Negro and the World Today." The class was to be of seven weeks duration. (S)(u)

On October 22, 1945, Confidential Informant [] learned that [] also was requested by the subject to start a class for approximately twenty-five members of the International Workers Order.

On April 10, 1946, Confidential Informant [] reported that the subject was active in preparing and sponsoring a ten week lecture course on "Negroes Fight for Freedom." This class, according to the informant, was to commence on April 10, 1946. The course was prepared with the cooperation of Abraham Lincoln School and included many well known reported Communists and fellow travelers. (S)(u)

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CRIMINAL RECORD

On February 14, 1946, Special Employee [redacted] checked the records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Information and Statistics. He was unable to find a criminal record for the subject.

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On February 18, 1946, the Identification Division of the Bureau advised that it was not possible to locate a record of the subject from the description sent by this office.

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois

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Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant [] for subject's activities with DuSable No. 751 IWO Lodge. & (u)

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant [] for collection of documentary evidence which may possibly show subject's relationship with the Communist Party. (u)

Will also maintain contact with Confidential Informants [] and [] regarding subject's general activities in Communist matters in District 8, CP. (u)

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

A copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Field Division for information for the reason that subject is national vice president of the IWO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-4092**

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TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, WAS.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, a negress, was born 9/9/01 at Chicago, Illinois.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File #100-39.
 SAC Letter #47 dated April 30, 1946.

DETAILS:

Subject's file was reviewed according to the instructions of referenced Bureau letter and the following information was obtained:

Subject, a negress, was born September 9, 1901, at Chicago, Illinois.

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At Chicago, Illinois:

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Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant [] for collection of documentary evidence which may possibly show subject's relationship with the Communist Party..

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 100-4092

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/5/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/19, 20, 21, 27/46	REPORT MADE BY JFG:mms
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues as National Vice President IWO. President of Midwest Council of IWO in Chicago. Executive Secretary of DuSable No. 751 IWO Lodge. Subject also member of Negro Commission of the CP District No. 8. Recently elected member of Executive Board of National Negro Congress. Subjects activities in past months have been concentrated on financial drive to purchase USO Center at cost of \$50,000.00. CP leaders also active in financial drive with subject to raise funds for purchase of USO Center. <i>GU</i>			
- P* - Bureau file 100-39. Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 27, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois.			
CLASS. & EXT. BY SP4 JRM/oms REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW 11/25/90			
DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Residence Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that subject continues to reside at 5951 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice Chairman, District 8, CP. <i>GU</i>			
Occupation [redacted] advises that subject is President of the Midwest Council of the International Workers Order in Chicago, Illinois. She <i>GU</i>			
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continues in her post as national Vice President of the IWO. Confidential Informant [] advises that subject continues to occupy the post of Executive Secretary of the DuSable Lodge No. 751. The DuSable Lodge has the largest membership of any IWO Lodge in the United States. Its membership is composed mainly of the Negro race. *LU*

Subject's Activities in Financial Drive to
Purchase USO Center

July 12, 1946

Confidential Informant [] learned that the subject, GIL GREEN, Chairman of the CP District 8, [] of the South Side Section of the CP and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, husband of the subject, were all very much interested in the purchase of the USO Center known as Servicemen's Center No. 3 for Colored Servicemen located at 49th & Wabash in Chicago. According to informant, all the above persons were agreed that the USO Center should be purchased by the DuSable Lodge IWO and that organization would later sell it to the CP District 8. They all felt that if it were known that the CP was purchasing the building, pressure would be exerted on the property owner not to sell to the Communist Party. Informant learned from GIL GREEN that there were sufficient hostile forces that would be alarmed by the progressive movements moving into the South Side Section of Chicago and these forces would prevent the CP from getting the building. GREEN also felt that the CP could not solicit a large amount of money in its own name without conducting an extensive financial campaign which would then become known to hostile reactionary forces. *LU*

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July 18, 1946

Confidential Informant [] advised this office that the subject was quietly trying to raise \$10,000.00 toward the purchase of the USO Center at 49th & Wabash. Informant advised that the total purchase price of the building as set by [] was \$55,000.00. According to Informant, LOUISE PATTERSON stated that there were many forces in the city that will try to prevent the sale of the building to the DuSable Lodge and other progressive forces. She stated that if \$10,000.00 were raised by August 1, 1946, they will sign the contract to purchase the building. Informant further advised that a meeting was held of the DuSable Lodge on August 16, at which pledges amounted to \$2300.00. The Lodge is accepting \$100.00 loans at 5% interest to be paid in six months. PAUL ROBESON, according to Informant, will also assist in the financial campaign after \$10,000.00 has been paid on the contract to purchase. He will assist in the financial campaign by arranging for a group of star stage personalities to appear on benefit programs sponsored by the DuSable Lodge. *LU*

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July 30, 1946

Confidential Informant [] learned from [] that he and LOUISE PATTERSON would borrow \$3,000.00 on the initial drive for \$10,000.00. * (u)

August 5, 1946

Informant [] was advised by LOUISE PATTERSON that she had paid \$10,000.00 on August 3, and that she has until January 2, 1947, to get \$17,500.00 additional which will make a total of \$27,500.00 down payment. Mrs. PATTERSON advised informant that when this amount is paid the mortgage will be signed and the building may then be occupied. (u)

August 7, 1946

Confidential Informant [] learned from LOUISE PATTERSON that it was definitely decided that the drive to collect funds for the purchase of the USO Center should be strictly under the DuSable Lodge sponsorship and that a special committee of people should operate the Center. LOUISE also felt that she would want a very "broad" committee drawn up to raise funds so no one person would be afraid about going after money. At the same time informant learned that GIL GREEN would call a meeting of the secretariat of the CP District 8 and that at the meeting it would be decided who will constitute the personnel to operate the USO Center after its purchase. GREEN also felt that one person should be in charge of the Center. (u)

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September 20, 1946

Confidential Informant [] learned that a meeting with [] of United Packing House Workers of America - CIO; ALFRED WAGENECHE, Vice Chairman CP District 8; and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, husband of the subject and LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON were all interested and taking an active part in the purchase of the USO Center. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON told informant that the purchase of the building is not strictly a Communist deal but the building would belong to the people of the South Side Section of Chicago and this is the first project of its type to be tried on the South Side of Chicago and that the following people have given assistance in the drive for funds: (u)

[] of the Professional Loop CP group
[] of United Electrical Radio and
Machine Workers, CIO
GIL GREEN

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According to informant, PATTERSON stated that they wish to raise \$100,000.00 by March 1, 1947. They also expect to set up a membership and charge \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$25.00 for membership. PATTERSON stated that this arrangement (u)

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would not alter the fact that the Center would be a non-profit organization and tax exempt. Many alterations will be necessary and the entire cost for the first year would be about \$81,000.00. ~~ku~~

September 25, 1946

Confidential Informant [] furnished this office a letter signed by [] of the CP and LOUISE PATTERSON. The letter was dated September 19, 1946, extending an invitation to attend a luncheon in honor of [] of the CP, on Wednesday noon, September 25, at Riccardo's Studio Restaurant, 437 North Rush Street. The letter went on to state that [] had recently been named to the position of [] and many in local labor circles have expressed a desire to meet him. The letter went on to state that an opportunity was being afforded to hear about a new and important project being undertaken in Chicago by sections of organized labor and important groups in the Negro community. This letter is being retained in the subject's file. ~~ku~~

Confidential Informant [] further learned that the purpose of the luncheon meeting was an endorsement by [] of the purchase of the USO Center at 49th & Wabash and that this Center was to be known as the "DuSable Communist Center, Inc." At the luncheon [] stated that the building would serve as a Center for Trade Unions and help to build Negro and White unity. LOUISE PATTERSON spoke at the meeting, according to informant, and described the Center in detail and after her talk the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America - CIO, pledged \$500.00. [] of the United Packing House Workers of America - CIO, pledged \$1,000.00. [] of the Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America - CIO, pledged \$1,000.00. The United Automobile Workers of America - CIO, Local 453, also pledged a large unknown amount. ~~ku~~

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At this meeting a committee of [] for UERMA - CIO; [] United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers - CIO, all well known CP members and Trade Unionists, will work with LOUISE PATTERSON in her financial drive to raise funds. ~~ku~~

Subject's Activities in Front Groups

May 15, 1946

~~CONF. INFO~~ [] learned from [] of the South Side Section of the CP, that LOUISE PATTERSON was to be in charge of delegates to the National Convention of the National Negro Congress to be held in Detroit. One delegate is to represent the IWO and other national groups of the CP front organizations. [] told informant that he had hoped to have fifteen delegates to the convention. However, LOUISE PATTERSON was of the opinion that he would consider seven delegates a sufficient number because of the expense of sending a delegate, which would amount to approximately \$30.00 per person. ~~ku~~

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Informant also learned from [] that one delegate will represent the DuSable No. 751 IWO Lodge and that LOUISE PATTERSON will go as a delegate if the CP District 8 will pay her expenses. (u)

June 25, 1946

~~CONF. INFT.~~ [] was advised by [] that LOUISE PATTERSON will serve on the Continuation Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and is working very hard to get the Committee started. (u)

August 10, 1946

An article appeared in the "Chicago Star," a Communist-dominated and controlled weekly newspaper, and on page sixteen the following captioned article was carried: "Delegation to Demand Action on Lynchings." The article stated that two hundred Chicagoans were en route to demand action on the Georgia lynchings, and that the delegates were being sent by a newly formed "Chicago Citizens Committee Against Lynching." It stated that a meeting was held at 35th & South Parkway and 5,000 persons were present at the meeting. The article stated that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON spoke at the meeting and listed the names of several other well-known Communists.

August 30, 1946

Confidential Informant [] the National Convention of the National Negro Congress held in Detroit from May 30 through June 2. Informant advised that there were sixty-eight delegates from Illinois. Among the delegates informant identified the subject and her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON. It was also learned from informant that the subject and her husband were elected to the Executive Board at the National Negro Congress Convention.

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Subject's General CP Activities

Confidential Informant [] learned from [] of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, 3456 South State Street, that he had been invited by LOUISE PATTERSON to speak at an OPA rally sponsored by CP District 8 at the Chicago City Hall. [] told informant that he had accepted the invitation to speak. (u)

June 19, 1946

A highly confidential source of the Los Angeles Field Division advised that the name of LOUISE THOMPSON, 316 North Michigan, Secretary of the IWO, was included among a list of persons who have been active in Russian War Relief and the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship in the possession of [] an alleged NKVD Agent of Russia. (u)

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July 2, 1946

Confidential Informant [] furnished a copy of a letter dated May 15, 1945. The letter was addressed to [] Chicago, Illinois. The letter acknowledged the receipt of a \$100.00 loan sent to the DuSable No. 751 IWO Lodge. The letter further explained that the Lodge had been negotiating for the purchase of property at 3411 South Michigan which would be used as a Center for the IWO. However, the check for \$100.00 was being returned because negotiations for the purchase of the building did not go through. It stated that the national office of the IWO had unanimously voted against the purchase of the building as they did not feel it was wise to purchase this particular property. The letter was signed by LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON. Informant also furnished copies of some of the letters in which checks were returned to the following individuals by the subject: (u)

[] - \$100.00

[] - \$ 50.00

[] - \$ 50.00

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South Side Bank and Trust Company
4659 South Cottage Grove Avenue - \$50.00 (u)

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[] attended the All Nations picnic sponsored by the CP District 8 at Justice Park Gardens and he observed that the subject was present at the picnic..

July 18, 1946

Confidential Informant [] attended a picnic sponsored by the South Side Section of the CP at Ryans Woods, 87th and Western Avenue and he identified the subject as being present. (u)

CP Meetings at Which Subject Was Identified

June 8, 1946

Informant [] observed subject at a special functionaries meeting of the CP in the West Room of the Ashland Auditorium at 1:30 P.M. (u)

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June 11, 1946

Informant [] Meeting of ~~Negro Commission~~ of CP 208 North Wells
(headquarters of CP District 8). (S)(u) Communist Party

June 17, 1946

Informant [] Meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP, 208 North Wells. (S)(u)

June 25, 1946

Confidential Informant [] Meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP at 208 North Wells at 4:00 P.M. (S)(u)

July 2, 1946

Confidential Informant [] Subject attended meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP, 208 North Wells. (S)(u)

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July 12, 1946

Lieutenant [] Chicago Police Department, advised that subject was identified in attendance at a functionaries meeting of the CP in the Mirror Room at the Hamilton Hotel, 20 South Dearborn at 8:25 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was a discussion of the financial campaign to raise \$40,000.00 for District No. 8.

August 15, 1946

Confidential Informant [] advised that subject attended a trade union committee meeting of the CP at 208 North Wells. (S)(u)

August 20, 1946

Confidential Informant [] advised that subject attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP at 208 North Wells. (S)(u)

September 3, 1946

Confidential Informant [] advised that subject attended the Chicago Citizens Committee Against Lynching at 4448 South Michigan. Subject was present with her husband with several other well-known Communists. (S)(u)

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue to maintain contact with Confidential Informant [redacted] concerning subject's activities within the DuSable No. 751 IWO Lodge. *Q(u)*

[redacted] Will also continue to maintain contact with Confidential Informant for collection of documentary evidence which will show subject's definite relationship with the CP District 8. *Q(u)*

[redacted] Will also maintain contact with Confidential Informants [redacted] and regarding subject's general Communist front activities in Chicago. *Q(u)*

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

A copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Field Division for information for the reason that the subject is a National Vice President of the IWO.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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SAC, Chicago

December 10, 1946

Director, FBI

MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Your file No. 100-4092

Your office is instructed to submit a report prepared in summary fashion in the instant case which will reflect admissible evidence tending to prove:

1. Subject's membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party
2. Subject's knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of the Party

This report, will reflect, witness by witness, only the available evidence. Informants' identities shall not be disclosed, but they shall be protected by temporary symbols.

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Chicago Woman Raises \$33,000 for Community

Here's the story of a woman who saw the need of a community center on the south side of Chicago, and who went about getting the necessary money. Almost single-handed, she directed the raising of \$33,000. Mrs. Louise Patterson is the national vice-president of the International

Workers Order, and president of the Chicago Division. But aside from her work in her field, she has carried out the "Du Sable Community Center Inc." idea as extra enterprise.

Aiming toward buying the building located at 62 E 49 st (49 and Wabash) which was formerly known as Bacon's Casino, and later as the Serviceman's Center for the South Side, Mrs. Patterson was aided by trade unions, church groups, social clubs, interested citizens, and artists like Paul Robeson, Kenneth Spencer, Langston Hughes, Erskine Hawkins, and Billy Eckstine.

The funds raised amounted to \$33,000 and made possible the purchasing of the building, which, incidentally has an outdoor pavilion where Joe Louis fought his first three professional fights. When the remodelling is completed, emphasis will be placed upon the needs of both adults and children of the community.

Mrs. Patterson is the wife of William L. Patterson, and the mother of four-year-old Mary Lewis. On her brief trip to New York recently she was the guest of Mrs. Dorothy Spencer.



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October 13, 1948

SAC, Chicago

100-407934-✓RE:

MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, WAS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Your file 100-4092

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 12-5-46 at Chicago

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While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such a threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

This matter ~~should~~ ^{has} your immediate attention.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Attached herewith are five copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 17, 1949.

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Please be advised that the above captioned subject is being removed from the key figure list of the Chicago Office and is no longer being tabbed as a detcom subject.

A review of this file reflects that the subject has moved to New York City and is residing there at the present time, therefore, the Chicago Office is removing the subject's name from the Chicago key figure list.

The Bureau is requested to note this deletion on its copy of the Chicago key figure list.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-4092**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 10/17/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/30/49	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> JSN:CR
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON now resides in New York City with her husband at 474 Central Park West. It was reported in April, 1949 that she was director of the Council on African Affairs in New York City. Informants have advised that she has attended meetings of the Communist Party in Chicago during 1947 and 1948. She was national vice-president and midwest council president of the IWO in 1946. She was elected executive vice-president of the DuSable Lodge No. 751 of the IWO in December, 1948 and spoke at a Chicago JAFRC Chapter meeting in September of 1947.

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REFERENCE:

Bufile 100-39.
Bulet to Chicago dated 10-13-48.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

Chicago of known reliability advised that on March 18, 1949 Mr. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and Mrs. LOUISE PATTERSON arrived in New York City and were residing at 474 Central Park West, New York City, New York.

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Occupation

According to an article which appeared in the "Daily Worker", an east coast daily publication in New York City, on page five, column three dated April 1, 1949, it was revealed that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON had joined the staff of the Council on African Affairs. The article advised that she was to take over the duties as director of that organization.

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

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Past Employment

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Chicago [] of known reliability, stated that on December 5, 1946 LOUISE PATTERSON was president of the Midwest Council of the International Workers Order in Chicago and National Vice-President of the International Workers Order. The informant also advised that she was executive secretary of the DuSable Lodge 751 of the International Workers Order. The DuSable Lodge, according to the informant, has the largest membership of any IWO lodge in the United States at the present time.

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

Chicago [] of known reliability, stated that on December 1, 1947 LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON attended an Illinois State Communist Party Convention on November 26, 1947 and was not re-elected to the State Communist Party Committee for Illinois.

Chicago [] of known reliability, stated that on December 7, 1948 it was announced that LOUISE PATTERSON had been elected executive vice-president of the DuSable Center of the International Workers Order in Chicago, Lodge 751.

II. ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Communist Party

Chicago [] of known reliability, [] stated that LOUISE PATTERSON attended a membership meeting of the Southside Communist Party which was held on April 20, 1947 at the DuSable Community Center located at 62 East 49th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago [] advised that on September 10, 1947 LOUISE PATTERSON stated that she had been requested to permit the Communist Party to hold a midwest conference in the DuSable Center on September 27 and 28, 1947. LOUISE PATTERSON stated that she strenuously opposed the use of the center on the grounds that since the center was just getting into operation it might have been dangerous to have had the Communist Party hold a large meeting in the center at that time.

Chicago [] stated that on September 26, 1947 LOUISE PATTERSON stated that she had attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the Communist Party at the Greek Hall, 5522 South Halsted Street, Chicago.

The informant advised that during the meeting PATTERSON had given a report on a two day National Negro Commission meeting which had been held at New York earlier that month. It was reported that during this meeting the National Negro Commission had served its useful purpose and that it must be liquidated locally and nationally. According to the informant PATTERSON was in favor of the liquidation proceeding for the National Negro Commission.

Chicago [] advised that on November 21, 1947 LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON of the DuSable Lodge of the International Workers Order in Chicago said that it would be difficult for the DuSable Center to operate on its own during January of 1948 and that it would take the center at least six months to get back on its feet. She stated that she had attempted to secure a direct subsidy from the Communist Party for about a six month period. PATTERSON revealed that GIL GREEN, Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, had stated that the Communist Party would have to work out more carefully the matter of finances for the center during the six month period in question.

Chicago [] stated that on November 22, 1947 LOUISE PATTERSON attended a Communist Party meeting held at the Orchestra Hall in Chicago on November 21, 1947.

It was also reported by Chicago [] that on January 5, 1948 LOUISE PATTERSON had attended an Illinois Communist Party Convention on November 28, 1947 in the West Room of the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago [] revealed that on May 8, 1948 LOUISE PATTERSON stated that she had attended a meeting of the Communist Party which was held at the DuSable

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Center in Chicago on Sunday, May 8, 1948. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Progressive Party and the action to be taken by it during the coming election. She also advised that during this meeting she had been assigned to work with the Progressive Party in the Chicago area.

Chicago [] advised that on March 4, 1948 LOUISE PATTERSON attended an emergency city-wide Communist Party membership meeting at the DuSable Community Center, 49th and Wabash Avenue. PATTERSON did not disclose the purpose of the meeting according to the informant.

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International Workers Order

Chicago [] of known reliability, stated that on April 30, 1947 PATTERSON stated that she had been the chairman of a meeting of the Midwest Section of the International Workers Order, 64 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. During this meeting she stated that the International Workers Order was going through a complete change. She said that the International Workers Order lodges throughout the country would be broken up into nationality groups. The negro people would be in negro lodges - the Jewish people would be in Jewish lodges, etc.

LOUISE PATTERSON further advised that only the Soviet Union worked in harmony with its people because it had no nationality group problem. She stated that the Soviet Union enjoyed their own cultural life and they had a unity among all their people which no other country or any amount of countries could break. She said that European problems were our problems and that people in the United States would never be American Until European problems were settled.

Chicago [] of known reliability, revealed that on May 21, 1947 LOUISE PATTERSON indicated that she was not too interested in taking over an Abraham Lincoln School Annex in Chicago. She indicated that she would rather see a DuSable lodge of the IWO promote an educational program which would be financed by the Abraham Lincoln School. She advised that she would like to emphasize child care, child psychology, art, literature, grammar, history and social problems in the educational program of DuSable Lodge 751 of the IWO.

The Abraham Lincoln School has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

Chicago [] stated that on August 5, 1947 the DuSable Lodge of the IWO in Chicago held a meeting which had been called by LOUISE PATTERSON. The

informant advised that LOUISE PATTERSON indicated that the meeting had been held for the purpose of working out a program to encourage the labor unions in Chicago to use the DuSable Center for its meetings. PATTERSON advised that it had been announced at the meeting that \$27,000 had been raised to help pay off the mortgage on the DuSable Center.

Chicago [] known reliability, advised that on November 3, 1947 LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON stated that she had tried to find about ten International Workers Order members to attend a DuSable Community Center founders dinner which she had scheduled for October 6, 1947 at the center. It was indicated by the informant that she was having difficulty obtaining members to attend the dinner.

Chicago [] of known reliability, stated that on January 28, 1949 LOUISE PATTERSON stated that a farewell testimonial dinner had been given in her honor. The dinner was held at the DuSable Community Center Ballroom, 5958 South Wabash.

The informant advised that LOUISE PATTERSON was the wife of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON who only recently was Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, and was recently appointed chairman of the Civil Rights Congress with headquarters in New York City. The informant stated that LOUISE PATTERSON had advised the members during the farewell testimonial dinner that she would join her husband in New York City about the first of January, 1949 and that she would be giving up her DuSable activities in Chicago.

The Civil Rights Congress is cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

Chicago [] advised that on September 9, 1947 LOUISE PATTERSON revealed that she had attended a meeting of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in Chicago. She advised that the meeting was held at the Congress Hotel Ballroom and she was one of the principal speakers. She advised further that this meeting had been called for the purpose of raising funds for the Chicago Chapter of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO 90, ILLINOIS

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 100-4092

October 17, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

The captioned individual, the subject of a Security Index card heretofore maintained at this office, has moved to an address with another Field Division. The Bureau is requested to correct the Security Index card maintained at the Seat of Government, and the Field Division for which copies hereof are designated below is requested to prepare for inclusion in its Security Index card file a Security Index card captioned as follows and bearing the appropriate case file number:

Mrs. LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON, Mrs. LOUISE ALONE THURMAN
Mrs. LOUISE ALONE THOMPSON, nee LOUISE ALONE TOLLS.

474 Central Park West
NEW YORK CITY (Res.)

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The following copies of serials containing important information concerning the subject are being forwarded to the Field Division covering subject's new address, together with its copies of this letter:

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New York has all pertinent serials.

Four Communist Index Cards with aliases, and two Security Index Cards.

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In view of the fact that the New York Field Division has verified the present residence of the subject in its Division, this office is considering New York as the new office of origin, and this case is being RUC'd to that office with the submission of this communication.

JSN:CR
100-4092

CC: New York Field Division (Enc.) SAC

Very truly yours,
R. R. McSwain
G. R. MC SWAIN

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11-4-49

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

ALIASES Mrs. Louise Alone Patterson, Mrs. Louise Alone Thurman,
Mrs. Louise Alone Thompson, nee: Louise Alone Tolls

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH 100-407934-44

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 474 Central Park West
New York, New York

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 13, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was;
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 409 Edgecombe Avenue, Apt. 7H, NYC

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

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Council Of African Affairs, 23 West 26th Street, N.Y.C.
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MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, WAS. SM DASH C.

LOUISE PATTERSON RESERVED TWO SEATS, AMERICAN AIR LINES FLIGHT TWELVE, LEAVING
WASHINGTON, D.C. TEN FORTY FIVE A.M. OCTOBER TWO, ARRIVING NEW YORK TWELVE
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LOUISE THOMPSON
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Reference is made to the following communications:

1. Report of SA [redacted] 2/13/52, Seattle, entitled [redacted] SM-C";
2. Bureau letter to Seattle, 4/26/52, with the dual caption as above;
3. Seattle letter to Bureau, 6/30/52.

A review of the New York Office files reflects that LOUISE THOMPSON who was mentioned by [redacted] as set forth on pages 3 and 4 of rerep is identical with Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, nee Louise Thompson, was. (New York file 100-24624, Bufile 100-39) on whom a Security Index card is current in this office.

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In view of the above, no further action will be taken in captioned matters by the New York Office.

HELD
DATE 9/24/00

BY 3963 EWH/ELH

- 1 - Bureau (100-39) (MRS. WILLIAM PATTERSON)
- 1 - Seattle (100-21585) [redacted]
- 1 - Seattle (100-21876) (LOUISE THOMPSON)
- 1 - NY 100-24624 (MRS. WILLIAM PATTERSON)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-39) *RS N.Y. 1-8-54*

FROM : SAC, New York (100-24624) *pw*

SUBJECT: LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON was;
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DATE: 2/4/53

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Drugstore Worker Union Local 1199

210 W. 50th St., N.Y., N.Y.

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 TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. NOVEMBER 6, 1953 AIR-TEL
 TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO: SAC, NEW YORK (138-19)
 RALPH JOHNSON BUNCHE, UN. REURAIR-TEL 11-2-53. ADVISING
 LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON NO LONGER EMPLOYED AT DRUGSTORE
 WORKERS' UNION AND NO LONGER LISTED AT FORMER RESIDENCE. IN
 CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE, REASONABLE EFFORTS SHOULD
 BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HER, AND BUREAU SHOULD BE
 ADVISED OF YOUR ACTION TAKEN IN THAT REGARD. INASMUCH AS
 LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON AND WILLIAM L. PATTERSON ON SI, IT
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 WITH APPROPRIATE CHANGES NOTED. IT IS ALSO YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
 TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT ADDRESSES
 OF THE PATTERSONS' AND ADVISE BUREAU OF SAME. THE LATTER
 INFORMATION SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU UNDER
 APPROPRIATE CASE CAPTIONS. INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED CASE
 MUST BE FOLLOWED CONTINUOUSLY. EXPEDITE AND SUREP.

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cc: NY (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
 NY (LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON)

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cc: 100-39 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
 (LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON)

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NOTE: International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board
 has requested Bureau to interview Louise Thompson, who has
 been determined to be identical with Louise Thompson
 Patterson. Reair-tel advised as noted in above. Contents
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 Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, and approved.
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TO : Director, FBI (100-39)

DATE: 11/16/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON, was
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/18/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON, was
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Reference is made to corrected Security Index cards returned to the NYO by the Bureau and received in NY on 11/19/53.

It is observed from a review of the file in this case that the Bureau heretofore has indicated their file number as 100-39. It was observed, however, on the corrected SI cards that the Bureau file number is listed as 100-403808. UACB the NYO will assume that the correct Bufile No. is 100-403808.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Heidelberg, Germany

for
and
Date: 3/9/55

To: Director, FBI

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From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100- 253)

Subject: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON
409 Edgecombe Ave., Apt. 7H
New York, NY

VIA ARMY COURIER

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BY 39063 elw/jac/ll

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Encl
Main File No: 100-407934

Date: 7/19/55

Subject: Louise Patterson, was.

Date Searched: 6/14/54

Found As: Louise Patterson

Summary

Also Searched As: No other searches made.

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Louise Patterson, was. (none of which were searched)

- + ☒ Patters, Mrs. Louise Alone
- + ☒ Patterson, Louise Compton
- + ☒ Patterson, Louise Thompson
- + ☒ Patterson, Mrs. Louise Alone
- + ☒ Patterson, Mrs. William L.
- + ☒ Starke, Louise
- + ☒ Starks, Louise
- + ☒ Thompson, Louise.
- + ☒ Thompson, Louise Alone
- + ☒ Thuman, Mrs. Louise
- + ☒ Thurman, Mrs. Louise
- + ☒ Thurman, Mrs. Louise Alone
- + ☒ Tolis, Louise Alone
- + ☒ Toll, Louise
- + ☒ Tolls, Louise
- + ☒ Tolls, Louise Alone (maiden name)

Birth Date and Place: 9/9/01, Chicago, Illinois

Physical Description: Negro (light brown); 5'4"; 130 lbs.; even facial features with few Negroid characteristics; clear and distinct voice; generally well-dressed.

Marital Status: Married Wallace Thurman in August, 1928 and divorced him in Mexico in 1931. Married William L. Patterson in December, 1940. One daughter, Mary Lou, born in in

Parents: Mother, Frances Louise Brown (maiden name) born in Springfield, Ohio.
Stepfather, John A. Thompson

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Education:

Graduated from Oakland, California, High School in June, 1919. Attended University of California, Berkeley, California from August, 1919 to May, 1923. Graduated with honors, receiving a B.S. degree in Commerce. Was a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Negro sorority, while at university.

Residences:

1919 552 39th Street, Oakland, California
1928 409 Edgecomb Avenue, NYC
1937 530 Manhattan Avenue, NYC
1941-1943 Vincennes Hotel, 601 East 36th Street, Chicago
1943-1949 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago
1949-1950 474 Central Park West, NYC
1950-1954 409 Edgecomb Avenue, Apt. 7H, NYC

Identification:

Issued passport 516630 on 6/6/32 for a trip of 2 years for study. Issued passport 468361 on 8/5/37 for trip of 2 months to France, England and Spain as press correspondent and relief investigator. She was to go with a group known as the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, traveling under the auspices of Open Road Tourist Agency.

Occupation and Employment:

School term 1926-1927 Taught commercial courses at Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
1930 Worked in Mexico
1931 Active as CP and IWO organizer in NYC and in many sections of US.

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1932 Was a member of a Negro group that went to Russia to make a movie on Negro life in America.

1936 Registered as a Communist in Manhattan

1937 - 1940 National recording secretary of IWO

1937 Member of National Central Committee of CP

1939 Member of General Executive Board of IWO

6/30/40 Elected National Vice-President of IWO

1940 - February 1949 IWO official in Chicago, Illinois, holding the positions of President, Midwest Council of IWO, National Vice-President of IWO, Executive Secretary and Vice-President of Du Sable Lodge No. 751, IWO. Active in CP activities as member of South Side Section; South Side Council; Jewish, Personnel and Negro Commissions; District No. 8 Committee; and State Committee of CP. Taught classes at Chicago Workers School, later known as Abraham Lincoln School.

April 1949 Director of Council on African Affairs in NYC; also active in Sojourners for Truth and Justice.

February 1953 Employed at Drugstore Workers Union Local 1199, NYC

As of 11/16/53 Unemployed, etc.

Organizational Affiliations:

Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois

American League Against War and Fascism

American Peace Mobilization

Council on African Affairs

International Labor Defense

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International Workers Order

Joint Anti - Fascist Refugee Committee

National Committee for the Defense of
Political Prisoners

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

National Negro Congress

North American Committee to Aid Spanish
Democracy

Young Communist League and others of a
temporary nature

Background:

From the early 1930's up to 1949, Louise Patterson was active in CP and IWO activities. While in Chicago she was very successful in organizing the Negroes on the South Side. The Du Sable Lodge 751's membership was the largest of the IWO lodges in the U.S. After returning to NYC in 1949 she was active in various CP controlled organizations.

Subject's husband, William L. Patterson was also active in CP affairs in Chicago as chairman of District No. 8. In 1949, he was appointed executive secretary of the CRC, with offices in NYC. His main file is 100-39.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPA.....Communist Political Association

CRC.....Civil Rights Congress

JPFO.....Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order

IWO.....International Workers Order

SM.....Security Matter

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On 2/20/52, [redacted] of the "California Eagle" in Los Angeles, California, advised that in about 1931, he was contacted by a former acquaintance, ~~who is~~ ~~1932~~ Mrs. Louise Patterson. Louise asked him if he would be interested in taking a trip to the Soviet Union for the purpose of making a film showing racial discrimination in the U.S. [redacted] agreed to make the trip. Louise Patterson appeared to be in charge of the group that went (date not stated) to Moscow. After the Russian film company decided not to produce the film due to technical difficulties, the group was taken on a six months' conducted tour of Russia.

Los Angeles memo, 2/26/52
Re: [redacted] wa.; SM-C
100-18291-22, p. 2
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In the 6/16/32 issue of the "Daily Worker", on page 2, columns 4 and 5, appeared a photograph of part of a group of American Negro "workers and intellectuals" who had left the previous Monday (6/13/32) for the Soviet Union to participate in making a film of Negro life in America. One person in the picture was identified as Louise Thompson.

Louise Thompson was the actual organizer of the above-mentioned group who went to Russia in 1932.

[redacted], of known reliability: [redacted]
[redacted] Queens,
NY, an employee of the Department of
Welfare, NYC)

[redacted] was believed to be a Communist because of her close relationship with Louise Thompson Patterson (date not stated). [redacted]

Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

NY report, 12/26/51
With a photostatic copy of above-mentioned photograph as enclosure

[redacted]
Appointee, Department of the Army, Camp
McCoy, Wisconsin; LGE
121-28282-60, p. 2, 4, 6
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On 2/3/45 (location not stated), [redacted] NY
CP member in the [redacted], advised that he believed that [redacted]
[redacted] had been a Communist in the [redacted] because of her close
association with Louise Thompson Patterson, an active CP member.

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On February 24 and 26, 1954, in Seattle, Washington,
[redacted] advised that in June 1932 she went to Russia with
a group, which included Louise Thompson, to make a film depicting
Negro life in America. On her return to the U.S. in 1933, Louise
Thompson helped her to [redacted] Scottsboro
Defense Committee in NYC.

Seattle report, 3/16/54
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C
100-358089-15, p. 4, 8, 9
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The 1/31/51 issue of the "NY Tribune" carried an item,
captioned, "I.W.O. Trial Told 6 Officers Are Former Reds", which
reported that on 1/30/51, George E. Powers, Vice - Chairman of
the Liberal Party of Queens County, NY, and admitted former
Communist, testified that Louise Thompson Patterson, Vice-President
of the IWO, was known to him to have been a member of the CP in
1939. Powers's testimony was given in a trial before a NY Supreme
Court Justice on an action by the NY State Department of Insurance
to dissolve the IWO on the ground that it was Communist dominated.

Newspaper clipping described above
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On 2/13/51, [redacted] a Negro writer, advised that in [redacted] NYC by Wallace Thurman, who was married to one Louise Thompson, whom he believed to be a member of the CP. Following Thurman's death his wife married (date not stated) William Patterson, a CP member.

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Newark memo, 2/17/51
Re: CPUSA, District 14; Negro Activity
100-3-75-516, p. 5
(17)✓

According to Mrs. William L. Patterson, nee Louise Thompson, she had resided in 1933 at 409 Edgecombe Street, NYC. She could not recall the year she moved from 409 Edgecombe to 91 Charles Street, then to a Manhattan Avenue address. However, in 1940 she moved back to 409 Edgecombe Street, NYC. It was not known whether Patterson was acquainted with [redacted] [redacted] who was reported to be a CP member.

Other information in this reference appears in serial 15 of Patterson's main file.

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NY report, 4/28/50
Re: [redacted]
SM-C
100-19951-31, p. 1, 2
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According to the 1941 fall schedule of the Chicago Workers School, Louise Thompson (Patterson) was listed as an instructor in the fundamental principles of Communism.
(Source not stated)

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Other information in this reference appears in serials 2 and 3 of Patterson's main file.

Chicago report, 4/14/42
Re: William L. Patterson, wa.;
[redacted] wa.; IS-C
100-25740-8, p. 1-3
(21)✓

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On 10/16/42, Louise Patterson ascertained the cost of a ten minute broadcast. According to Patterson, a [redacted] (phonetic) was to speak on two radio broadcasts for the Italian groups (of the IWO).

On 10/19/42, Louise Thompson contacted the Labor Victory Committee, the correct name of which was the Labor Victory Committee for the Win the War Candidates [redacted] and [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining a speaker from the Committee for a (IWO) meeting on 10/23/42. She was advised to call back on 10/20/42.

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On the same day, Louise Patterson attempted to secure information relative to the booking of time over Station WGES Chicago, for a broadcast by the Polish groups of the IWO on 10/23/42.

[redacted] and [redacted]
Chicago letter, 10/30/42
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-65
(10)✓

On 10/9/42, Louise Patterson stated that Rosemary Munich was the Director of the Women's Division of the National Organization of the IWO. [redacted]

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Chicago letter, 10/23/42
Re: Chicago Confile, Worker's School
(Character of case not stated)
100-11507-54, p. 1
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On 2/24/54, at Miami, Florida, [redacted]
[redacted] of IWO Lodge 751 in Chicago, Illinois, advised that her participation in political activities came about through her acquaintance with Louise Thompson Patterson, whom she met in NYC in [redacted]. In [redacted] again met Louise, both were then living in Chicago, Illinois, at which time Louise said that she was recruiting colored people as IWO members. [redacted] subsequently became a member of the IWO [redacted] of Lodge 751. Mrs. Patterson invited her to attend meetings at the Carver Club which was synonymous with the CP. She believed that Patterson had subscribed to "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" for her. She admired and respected Patterson.

Miami report, 3/3/54

Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C
100-400001-8, p. 1-4
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This reference was a photostatic copy of an anonymous report, dated Chicago, Illinois, 2/4/43, captioned "Communist Activities", which included the following: Louise Patterson had been and was in February 1943 IWO adviser to the Mazzini Society, a Chicago fraternal and political organization, anti-fascist on one hand, but Communist on the other.

Serial described above
100-3-14-1264X
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On 3/9/43, Louise T. Patterson spoke at a conference for active members of the CP, called by [redacted] CP trade union leader, held at 3808 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The entire conference dealt with a discussion of a general nature to promote the CP educational program among workers in the ranks through direct contact. They adopted a plan to set up a committee to train leaders. In addition, they contemplated that a benefit affair would be given to raise funds for the training committee which matter was turned over to a subcommittee headed by Louise Patterson. [redacted]

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During a CP roll call meeting, held on 3/28/43, at the Forester's Hall, 1014 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, Louise Thompson was seated on the speakers' platform.

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Chicago report, 7/28/ 43
Re: CP USA, District No. 8,
Chicago Field Division; IS-R
100-3-14-1569, p. 136, 137, 169
(3)✓
SI as paragraph 1 above:
100-199944-1, p. 3
(14)✓

Information concerning Louise Patterson, wa. Louise Thompson, included in the Chicago Field Office's quarterly summary of intelligence matters, for the period April, May, and June, 1943, was briefly as follows:

On or about 5/27/43, Patterson was reported to have been in New York (purpose of trip not stated). She attended the National Negro Congress in Detroit, Michigan on 5/30/43, and on 6/12/43 left for Detroit to speak at an IWO conclave. On 6/6/43, attended CP Victory Press Conference held at Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, in connection with the CP's national drive for the "Daily Worker". During the conference she stated "The 'Daily Worker' over the years has been the champion of all national groups and of Negro rights." She was elected as a member of the Continuation Committee for the fund drive. Patterson also pledged \$2000 toward the fund drive from the IWO. On 6/4/43, she contacted [redacted] of the CP, and discussed what was apparently a joint venture between the CP and the IWO. Also during this period, she was active in protest meetings held in Chicago, to register opposition to race riots in Detroit and to make plans to avoid such riots in Chicago.

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(Confidential Informants, not identified)

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Chicago letter, 7/29/43
with copy of above mentioned
quarterly summary as enclosure
Re: Quarterly Intelligence Summary,
Internal Security Quarterly Report
100-3-14-1585, encl. p. 16, 27, 28,
30, 37, 38, 79, 81, 82, 85, 153
(20)✓

As of 6/29/43, Mrs. Louise Patterson was listed as
a "key figure" in Communistic matters in the Chicago Field
Division. Identifying data on Patterson set out.

Chicago letter, 6/29/43
with list of Chicago "Key Figures, CP"
as enclosure
Re: Key Figures, CP, Chicago Area;
IS-R
100-3-14-1488
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As of 7/22/43, no information was found through investi-
gation to show that [redacted] alias [redacted] was re-
lated in any way to Louise Thompson Patterson. Both [redacted] and
Patterson were prominent Chicago Communists.

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(Source not stated)

Chicago letter, 7/22/43
Re: PENNWRECK; Sabotage
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On 8/9/43, [] a [] of the Chicago Italian American Committee, told Louise Patterson that they (the Committee) were quite excited about the Committee's patriotic rally to be held on 8/29/43 in Chicago. Patterson and [] intended to distribute literature at the rally.

Early in August, 1943, Louise Thompson was upset because there were to be no speeches made at the Italian American patriotic rally to be held on 8/21/43 at Cicero, Illinois. Louise made every effort to secure one [] (phonetic) from NY to speak. After it was known that [] couldn't attend, she was in favor of having [] of the Italian Anti-Fascist Council (Victory Council), speak.

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Chicago report, 10/16/43
Re: Italian American Victory Council;
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100-180578-6, p. 1, 7-9, 12
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On 8/27/43, Louise Thompson, aka Louise Patterson, reported that her husband, William L. Patterson was in NYC.

Late in August or early in September 1943, Louise Thompson made arrangements with [] to rent a hall (in Chicago) for a (IWO) meeting on 9/12/43 where 200 or 300 were expected.

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Chicago memo, 9/15/43
Re: William L. Patterson, was.;
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